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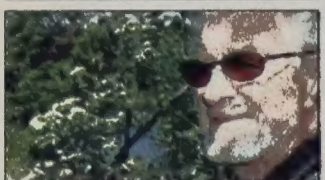
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Jan Archer/Special to The TIMES

The Matabanick Inn property on Boshkung Lake sustained some of the worst damage in Algonquin Highlands from Wednesday's devastating storm that produced at least two tornadoes in the Highlands.

Historic inn amongst hardest hit by tornado

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Environment Canada has confirmed the touchdown of two tornadoes in the Highlands during last week's devastating storm. Without their fancy gauges and formulas, Cliff Archer was certain of at least one.

Archer, along with his wife Jan, owns and operates Matabanick Inn which sits proudly on a prominent, formerly treed point on Boshkung Lake. As Jan says, "We now have a very clear view of the stars."

On the evening of Wednesday, August 2, Cliff had been enjoying the company of some guests at the lodge's lakeside gazebo. Just minutes after he left to get drinks, the gazebo was suddenly thrown into the air and smashed.

"One guest says he saw the funnel moving across the lake," Cliff says. "He ran inside and told his family to get to the back of the cabin

and to get down."

In the aftermath of the storm, an emotional Archer walks around his now bare point surveying the damage, all the while praising those who have come to his aid.

Not only is Boshkung Tree Service making quick work of the nearly 50 fallen trees, some as thick as truck tires but, also, Archer is indebted to the cottagers who began arriving early Thursday morning with chainsaws and rakes.

"It was just amazing," he says. "They all came and said 'Where should I start cutting?'"

Matabanick Inn has stood on the shores of Boshkung Lake since 1922 when Archer's grandfather built the first cabins. It has since become a mainstay for guests who return every year as well as the cottagers on the lake. The Saturday following the storm, the Boshkung Property Owners Association was to hold its annual regatta at Matabanick. That

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Campers escape being hit by run-away van

by CASEY LESSARD
Times Staff

Steve and Carmen Sike can't believe their luck, and neither can police or anyone driving past the Sikes' home on County Road 21.

"You see so many crashes on TV on the 401, but I've never seen anything like that," Steve said of the wreckage left after a truck crashed through their driveway and demolished three vehicles. "Unrecognizable."

"You wouldn't believe the carnage," said OPP Constable Mark McMaster.

The crash happened at 3:50 am Sunday after a Dempster's bread truck driver passed out. The truck was heading down the Allsaw hill when 35-year-old Michael Poppe of Peterborough slumped over the wheel. Passenger Barry Megah of Carnarvon grabbed the wheel and steered the truck down the hill, around the curve and over the

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Bird's eye view of damage left in storm's wake

This home and the ones around it on Halls Lake caught the eye of Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who was joined by CAO Lorne Mitchell and pilot George Miller on an aerial survey of the damage from Wednesday's storm. "Even though I feel there's as much devastation here (in Algonquin Highlands) because there are homes involved, I got a better appreciation of the damage elsewhere," Harrison said.

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Sewage scare upsets Gull Lake and council

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills is still reeling from a panic attack caused by last Wednesday's storm and power outage.

Partially, the scare concerned the municipality's sewage treatment facility that was momentarily bypassed when it switched from hydro to backup generator power. The other factor that led to a flood of calls to the township office was a press release issued by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit that warned of unsafe drinking water from the Gull River and lake.

Reeve Jim McMahon says the sewage treatment system did suffer a loss of power for a short time when the power system switched to the generator. However, he says, the effluent that escaped into the river was already treated and had been in the system's holding tank.

"At no time was there untreated sewage that left the plant," says Catherine Barr, a client services representative with the Ontario Clean Water Agency, which operates the treatment facility. She did not know the volume of partially-treated effluent (it had been chlorinated but not yet aerated) that was discharged.

"The good news with all this is that we were prepared to deal with this emergency," she says. "We even had a back-up generator en route from Mississauga."

McMahon has been fielding calls from the Toronto Sun and the University of Toronto asking him about the situation.

For McMahon, the health unit did him and the township ratepayers a disservice by issuing a press release telling people on private wells or who draw their water from lakes or rivers to use bottled or boiled water.

In the later release, Anne Alexander, director of environmental health for the health unit says, "At no time did the health unit intend this warning for residents who get their water from the municipal water treatment system in Minden, which is a treated system."

Instead, the health unit said that the problem at the treatment plant, which it called a "by-pass of sewage", coupled with the heavy rain, increased the risk of poor drinking water increased for people on Gull Lake.

McMahon is also upset that the township learned about the bypass and the related health unit warnings from the University of Toronto calling about its survey camp on Gull Lake. McMahon says that the health unit should have asked the municipality what it knew before causing a panic.

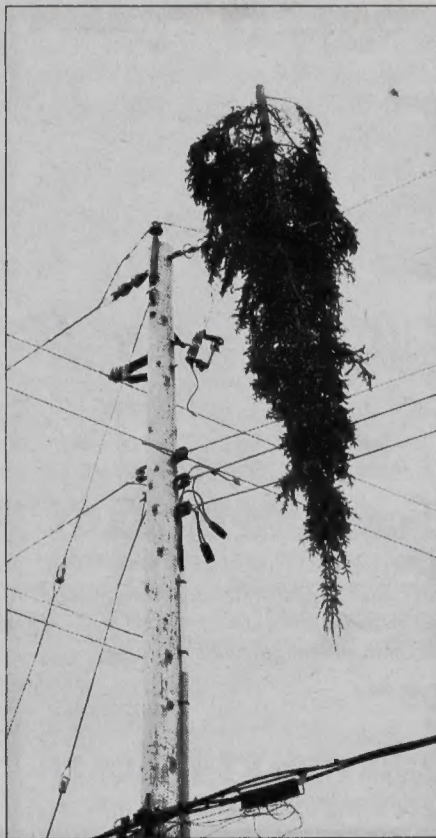
"While no official boil water advisory has been issued for the area," the later release states, "Alexander encourages those residents [who draw water from the Gull River or Gull Lake] to use bottled water or boil their water to a rolling boil for one minute before drinking."

Bob Romberg, the township's environment and property operations manager, says the municipality contracts out the water and sewage work to OCWA and therefore, all calls to the municipality about the sewage treatment electrical problem have been directed to them.

McMahon is still very upset about the situation, which he says was blown way out of proportion. He has received calls to his home, late at night, and at his place of business. "If the health unit was really concerned," he says, "they would have issued a boil water advisory and closed all the beaches. But they didn't. They just sent out that release that scared everyone and then retracted it."



A residence on Halls Lake on the Hawk Lake Road lost its roof in the storm. A tornado ripped a diagonal path through Minden Hills to the south. It stretched from Bryson's Marina on Lake Kashagawigamog through Blairhampton to 12 Mile Lake.



Aftermath of a storm

The rest of the tree that was blown into hydro wires on North Shore Road was found 20 feet away. Trees crashed through the roof of a Boshkung Lake cottage. No one was going anywhere on Wednesday morning unless they had a chain saw.

Photos by
Bryn Weese

At least no one hurt

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event has been rescheduled for this coming Saturday at Buttermilk Falls Resort. (The 12 Mile Lake annual general meeting at Zion United Church has been rescheduled to August 19.)

Although the property suffered an enormous amount of damage to trees, the property damage could have been far worse. What's more, no one was injured.

"That's God's way of staying anonymous," says Jan Archer. "We are just so grateful that no one was hurt."

Cliff says that despite the storm, the cancelling of at least this week's guests (and maybe next week also), and the loss of revenue and property damage, this is not the end of Matabanick Inn.

"Never," he says. "It's too important."



Bryn Wesce/TIMES



Matabanick Inn, parts of which were built in 1922, suffered some of the worst damage in the storm. But despite the overwhelming job ahead, owner Cliff Archer says the inn is too important not to revive.

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Sound of locomotive the only warning that tornado is on its way

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Archie Reid is one of many who now have a different view from their cottage window. His view, like many following last Wednesday's storm, is full of downed trees, downed hydro lines and destruction.

"I was out on the deck," Reid says, describing the tornado that felled the trees. "I went to take my bird feeder down, because it was horizontal in the wind, and then I heard the sound like a locomotive coming and I thought, oh brother. The wind came up and as I stepped back, six trees came down right in front of where I was standing."

Reid is rather calm about the incident. After all, he's lived through two previous tornadoes, plus an emergency helicopter ride through the eye of a hurricane in Bermuda.

Fortunately for Reid, the maples, birches and pines (25 in total) that were flung to the ground on his property on Sharon Lake in Minden Hills last week did not hit buildings on their way down. The only "damage" was to his outdoor clothesline which now rests on the ground under a pile of tree crowns.

And while he is grateful his cottage is intact, he is also frustrated by his insurance company, with whom he was on the phone on and off all day Friday.

"They say they won't clear the trees because they didn't hit anything," he says. "I can't get out there and move them because I've had heart problems."

To remove the trees at his own cost, Reid has received an estimate of \$3,000 to \$5,000. Given the amount of damage, it would likely be closer to the latter.

Reid is not alone, neither with the tree damage on his property nor with his insurance company woes.

No policy, says Gord Barter of Hudson Henderson Insurance in Minden, will pay to remove trees.

"The one thing I can guarantee that is not covered [by any policy] is should a tree come down and it doesn't hit personal property, i.e. your house, garage, shed or whatever. They will not clean that tree up," he says. "There seems to be a lot of confusion about that."

While Barter understands people's need to have the trees removed, he says that, unfortunately, insurance companies can't cover everything.

"The insurance companies have to draw the line somewhere," he says. "Every time a windstorm goes through and blows a tree over, the insurance company is not going to send someone out there to clean up trees. They are not

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Be careful there! Archie Reid knows a machete isn't the right tool to use to try to clear his Sharon Lake property of all the debris the tornado left behind — especially near this hydro transformer. But he wishes his insurance company would pick up the \$5,000 tab to remove the trees.

in the logging business."

Barter, who sat outside the office during Thursday's blackout to field questions from clients who came to the office on Highway 35, says that the office has been inundated with calls from people asking what their individual policies cover. Moreover, Baxter thinks that the worst is yet to come for him and the insurance companies.

"This is not over yet," he says. "This is going to be a long period of claims here, I do believe," Barter says. "When the phone lines get back up, and the cottagers see the damage for themselves, it's only going to get worse."

While the insurance companies have limitations, Barter thinks "the townships should be the ones grabbing the bull by the horns, saying, 'Hey all you loggers, we want to hire you for a day with your log trucks, let's get this stuff cleaned up'."

As for Archie Reid, he may not look to the township. He is planning to ask his sons... nicely.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Swept up in a storm of stories

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE to any of our readers that both this week's Times and Echo are, essentially, special storm editions. The amount of destruction and devastation that took place during last Wednesday's awesome storm are such that no matter how much we write, no matter how many people we talk to, no matter how many photos we take, and no matter how many phone calls we make, we would never be able to publish it all.

What we have attempted to do, then, is to provide our readers with a comprehensive taste of just what exactly happened in what, for many, will be the most powerful storm they have ever seen. While there is plenty of coverage about damage, there are two points that are worthy of special note.

The attitude of the people in Minden, Stanhope and surrounding area has been remarkable throughout the entire week. The steadfast co-operation and hospitality that neighbours have shown neighbours, churches have shown hydro workers, Legions have shown guests and strangers have shown strangers, is outstanding. More than anything else, this storm has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that, when in need, human beings are still a compassionate species capable of a great many things in the face of adversity, be it a group of cottagers on 12 Mile Lake who chainsaw their way down driveways of their elderly neighbours, or a group of cottagers of Boshkung who, in the early morning hours following the storm, offered their help to clean up a nearby resort.

Kudos to all of you.

Also of note, in this week's coverage of the storm there is, thankfully, a lack of any mention of fatalities or serious injuries as a result of the two tornadoes that touched down in the Highlands (plus four more to the east). Considering that roofs were flung off houses, cottages were squashed and trees were felled all along busy roadways, it is shocking that no one was killed or even badly hurt.

But beyond renewing hope, a friendly smile or a courteous wave from strangers, what else can we take from this storm? What lessons can be learned? It is hard to defend the purchase of a generator as a lesson learned. Likewise, it is ridiculous to suggest we should keep our gas tanks full, just in case.

The truth of the matter is there are no lessons to be learned or, if there are, no one is prepared to learn them.

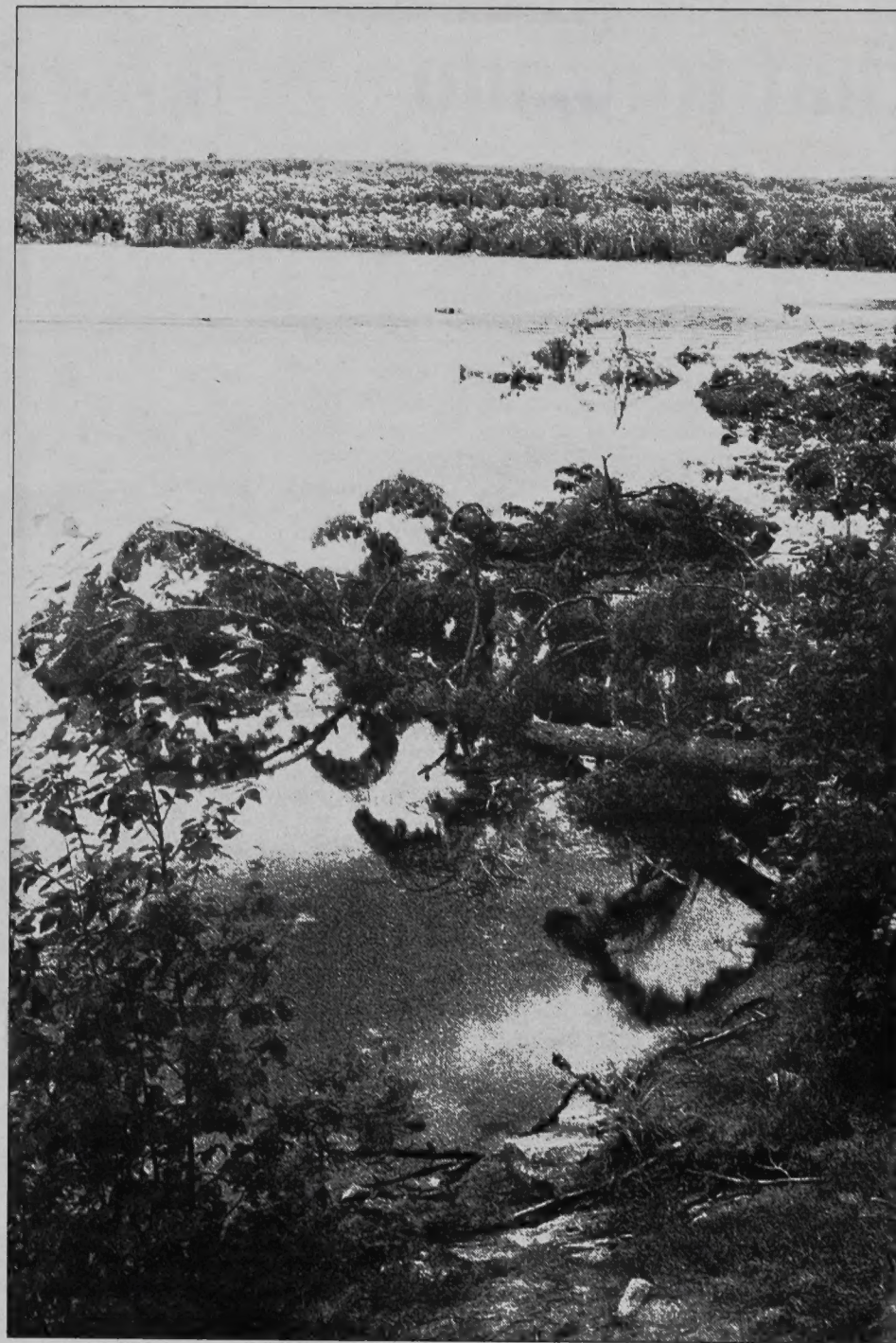
No one, not even the people who saw the previous tornado in the area some 15 years ago, keeps their gas tanks half full in the summer in case of power failure. Likewise, no one keeps supplies of bottled water and canned foods in a bomb shelter in the basement.

With the luxury of covering a storm in which no one died, the only lesson to be learned is that, occasionally unfortunate things happen.

Homes can be rebuilt, roofs can be refastened, cars can be repurchased, but tornadoes cannot be stopped and people, right or wrong, will always be ill-prepared for them.

In fact, the only thing that can be taken from this storm, with the exception of a few insurance bills, is memories. Memories of its awe-inspiring power, memories of Mother Nature's destruction and memories of the most impressive storm some people will ever see.

Bryn Weese



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Not the way trees are supposed to be.

Photo by Bryn Weese

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Minden Legion takes in refugees from the storm

To the Editor:

In time such as these, I had begun to wonder where genuine kindness and human empathy had gone. That is until the night of August 2, when my elderly parents and I found them in the Minden Legion Branch 636.

Like many others who were on the road in the Haliburton Highlands on the night of the big storm, my parents, Ruby and Alfred Collins, residents of Little Kennis Lake, for over 40 years, and I were trapped between road blocks. We were wondering

where to go for help when Dad suggested the Legion.

One of the few WWII veterans left (426 Thunderbird Squadron), Dad has VIP status and has been treated very well in recent years by Veterans Affairs. He thought, and quite rightfully as it turned

out, that this would be a place where we might find refuge.

Our little dinner excursion to the Mill Pond Restaurant earlier that evening had turned into a nightmare since we could not get home. But thanks to residents of Minden, our situation turned around and we met some new friends in the process.

We saw the glow of lights flickering in the Legion window as we were driving through Minden. We knocked on the door and were overwhelmed by the generosity and goodwill shown us by the remainder of the Legion's executive committee who were themselves sheltering from the storm. We were welcomed in and offered every comfort that they could give under the circumstances.

Candles lit up the rich warm log walls of the Legion and the kind, concerned

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Attention-seeking behaviour - part 18

AMIDST HURRICANES, major wars, Castro's deterioration and the threat of obscene nuclear escalation, Madonna, a self-important, ageing pop star, is making international headlines once again.

In her latest concert event, the 47-year-old diva pretends to be crucified just like Jesus. Talk about inappropriate - back then they stoned women. Would a little historical accuracy be too much to ask for?

This is just a personal viewpoint, but I've always thought that Madonna was an okay singer and, if she writes her own songs, a fair to middling songwriter. As a performer and celebrity, however, she has been nothing short of ridiculous and way over the top. And yet it works for her. She's made hundreds of millions of dollars just by shocking normal people like you and me. Okay you.

That's why, as I write this column, I am hanging from the ceiling by my feet, wearing nothing but frilly ladies underwear that I've deliberately put on backwards and a bat suit. While hanging here, I'm trying to juggle several live scorpions

who happen to be practising cannibals and card-carrying members of the Green Party. They are also emotionally crippled, the sad result of no positive stinging-insect role models.

As, if that's not shocking enough, I have developed a minor allergy to burnt toast. Shocked?

I expect the dollars to be pouring in any minute now. I think you can see why.

Look, I'm not being shocking just for my own good here. And if you think I'm trying to make some sort of profound statement about religion, politics, or the way of the world, you are reading far too much into this.

And don't even try to categorize this as some sort of eccentric artistic endeavour. Believe me, it's not. I'd just like the cash to buy myself a new computer and perhaps a modest bass boat. Oh dear, I've accidentally swallowed another live octopus.

The thing is, I've had this revelation of late. I figure that the world doesn't care about talent, which, believe me, is a good thing for a writer of my capability. No, the world cares about attention-seeking behaviour and appearance. This is excellent since I can work with the former.

For instance, if I were to protest about the wars in the mid-east, I'd probably be far better off doing it with live electric eels in my pants. Ah, that's crazy - why wear pants when you can wear lederhosen? (Tune into next week's column.)

Oh sure, it might be a tad uncomfortable but I'm

almost certain it'd be worth a 15-second sound bite. And, if during that, I allowed seven dwarves to pluck out all my chest hairs so I could show solidarity with children in war-torn lands while, at the same time, bring attention to Walt Disney's exploitation of fairy godmothers everywhere, I might even be invited to spend

some time on the lucrative talk show and lecture circuit. Heck, I'd probably have publishers knocking each other over just to get to me.

With a bit of serious promotion, a publicist, some billboard exposure, a few web sites, and perhaps a very public conversion to an ancient mystical religion - say Druidism - I might be well on my way to easy street. Oh, and the world would be a better place too.

Maybe I've gone a little overboard here but let's face it, there's a lot of competition now. Attention-seeking behaviour is a growth industry. If you are going to make anything more than minimum wage, you need to raise more eyebrows than, say, a crackpot North Korean dictator. That man has nukes.

Heck, I might have to take a page out of Marilyn Manson's book and have a third eye installed on my forehead. If that's the case, so be it. I say give the people what they want.

Sure, Madonna looks like morally bankrupt. But, that's the cross she has to bear - all the way to the bank.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

When a tree falls in the woods

THAT MIGHT not have been a tornado that bounced across Sapsucker Ridge last Wednesday evening, but don't try to tell my trees that.

Don't tell that to the tree that glanced off my sugar shack roof, or to the sugar maples after the wind grabbed their tops and twisted them off, wringing their trunks like a chicken's neck.

On paper, the damage was minimal, but there is a summer's worth of work cleaning up and the fallen trees in the sugar bush are like old friends after all these years.

There will be no more cutting down trees for firewood this summer. Father Nature put enough trees on the ground to keep me busy all fall. Thursday morning, the Ridge is loud with barking as The Brown Dog Jiggs reports the rearrangements of the landscape.

Only a few trees are wind-thrown. More often, the wind bends the tree at a weak point, perhaps a junction with a large branch where rot has set in, and the tree breaks off there and takes other smaller trees down with it.

Wednesday night inside my cabin feels more like a hurricane than a tornado. Winds and pounding rain move through in waves, first roaring like a freight train, then silence, then more roaring. The venetian blinds, still drawn against the

daytime's sunshine, suck in and out in the maelstrom, banging against the window frames.

Jiggs and I stand in the open cabin door, peering into the black and letting the violence wash over us. There is something exhilarating about a nighttime storm in the woods.

No matter. There are errands to be run and The Brown Dog and I, who live off the grid, are the only two living creatures in Haliburton County who don't know the power lines are down.

There are fallen branches in my driveway, even a small tree, but we crush them. Out on Fleming Road, we drive over trees,

around trees, through trees, expecting to meet one we can't evade, but there is nothing to stop us until we get to Bobcaygeon Road.

From the top of the hill near Prentissoka Heights, the village is dark below us, but momentum carries us forward and then right on Bobcaygeon where we detour through the library parking lot to get around a fallen conifer.

In the dark, the town slips through a time warp into the 19th Century. Voices

of teenagers come through the open truck windows, flashlights blink in the dark; it is a night for ghosts. I want some oldtime lumberjack to come striding over the Gull River bridge, a double-bit ax over his shoulder, but all there is is blackness.

Downtown now, Jiggs and I decide to take another way home. No use driving through that parking lot again, we decide, better to take Highway 35 and the Scotch Line.

Except there are trees down on the Scotch Line, too, and no parking lots for detours.

We sit there for what seems like half an hour in a line of cars, listening to a baseball

game in the dark.

Next morning we are out early to clear away the Fleming Road trees we drove around, through and over in the dark. They look smaller now and in a jiffy we are at the halfway point, near the Kernohan pit, and past there a Kernohan crew has pushed the downed trees off the road.

Cottagers down the road on Big Bob Lake make a team of three, and cut their way out, clearing the road to my driveway.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Pulling together

To the Editor:

We wish to offer our thanks to the Minden Hills roads department, parks department and fire department for a fantastic job, and to Francis Fuels and all the ratepayers who assisted in the cleanup after the storm. Everyone's help was very much appreciated.

Reeve Jim McMahon and members of Minden Hills council

Toll bridge support makes Lion roar with pride

To the Editor:

On Saturday the Minden And District Lions Club held its annual voluntary road toll in Minden.

We were very successful and collected over \$3,000. These monies will be used in support of local, district and international projects, especially vision.

I was amazed by the generosity of the donors. We estimate that more than 70 per cent of drivers participated. People

gave all their change or dropped \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills into our baskets and when we offered change nobody asked for any. One driver, after donating, even backed up to us because he found more change he wanted to give.

Not just drivers gave - passengers reached across with money. Cyclists stopped. People walking called us over to the sidewalk or ran out to us.

On that third day after the storm there was a great deal of discussion about

damage and who did or didn't have electricity yet. Many did not, but it didn't dampen their enthusiasm. Their spirits were high and their attitude in spite of damage and deprivation was wonderful to share. People were hurting but still wanted to help others.

To the residents of Minden Hills, to the cottagers and the tourists - you have made me truly proud to be a Mindener.

Wally Reed, President
Minden and District Lions Club



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This is the view that greeted Reeve Eleanor Harrison when she flew over the areas affected by the storm in Algonquin Highlands.

120 km/h winds sweep across Stanhope

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The tornadoes that ravaged parts of the county last Wednesday night left patches of severe damage throughout the former township of Stanhope in Algonquin Highlands, particularly on Boshkung Lake, Halls Lake, Maple Lake, Beech Lake, along the North Shore Road and St. Peter's Road by the church.

"In Stanhope, the damage is spotty," says Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison who recently surveyed the damage by aircraft along with the CAO Lorne Mitchell and *Times* photographer Casey Lessard. "I saw much more damage on my road tour with Brian [Whetstone, the public works superintendant] than I saw from the air, because if I hadn't known where to tell the pilot to go, we wouldn't have found the damage. There was no swath [from a tornado]."

Harrison, who lives on an acre of land on St. Peter's Road, had 22 big trees fall on her property, one of which crushed her vehicle. Likewise, the trees surrounding the

St. Peter's Church were all blown down. Thankfully, the historic church building was untouched by the high winds and tornado.

But, unfortunately, some property damage was unavoidable given the winds that gusted as fast as 120 km/hour.

In addition to several cottages that were destroyed or left without roofs, the historic Ferguson barn on North Shore Road was demolished. The structure, which stood near the corner of North Shore Road and the turn to the Maple Lake landfill, was flattened.

But Harrison's concern extends beyond property damage, of which she says there is thankfully less than there could have been.

Following the storm, Harrison says the township set its sights on the power outages. The main concern was seniors who were having difficulty with either having no power or who were trapped because of downed trees on driveways.

"We're prepared to do our best to look after people, particularly seniors who feel they are in difficulty," she

says. "We are also prepared to help [clear trees] on any private roads if there are people in trouble and they just can't get out. We are not purposely clearing private roads, but if we hear from somebody, we are prepared to talk to them."

As for the township's public roads, 75 per cent were one-lane passable by 3 a.m. on Thursday morning. Harrison says the roads works crews and fire department worked very hard all through the night to clear as much of the fallen debris as they could. As of Friday, the township had successfully cleared all of their public roads to two lanes, although caution is still urged while driving under hydro lines and damaged trees hanging over the road.

"Our guys have worked pretty much 24/7 getting the roads two-lane passable," she says. "At the moment, I'm getting nothing but really good comments. Plus, I've heard that when the Algonquin Highlands road crews are out there and they run into a situation where there is maybe just one big tree over a driveway of a senior's property, they are getting that off the driveway."



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Reporter caught in tornado

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Driving south on Highway 35, just past the crossroads of Carnarvon, my windshield was struck with an single errant drop of rain.

Enough time elapsed for me to ponder a coming storm and then, suddenly, a burst of wind struck my truck and, unprepared for the jolt, I swerved into the shoulder of the northbound lane.

Simultaneously, my truck, my dog Cari and I were engulfed in rain so thick that the front of my truck disappeared, despite the wipers having been turned on full.

Steering my truck back into the southbound lane and having slowed to a snail's pace, still unable to see anything, I looked for and found an exit off 35, which, once I began my turn, I made out to be Chambers Road, running alongside 12 Mile Lake.

Slowly bouncing over fallen debris along the gravel laneway, incredibly strong southwesterly winds off the lake had bent the shoreline trees over the road forming a half-arched tree tunnel. Branches snapped here and there, and I suddenly recalled a story in the previous week's Echo about a woman who was killed when a falling tree struck her car.

Just then, in front of me, close enough that I could see it, one of the shoreline pines snapped and the top half flung to the ground in front of me. I swerved, slowly, and missed it.

Later on, when I returned to the scene, someone, possibly a cottager had moved it to the side of the road and it was hardly discernable from similar-sized debris that lay strewn about the road.

Navigating my way through the network of cottage lanes on the northeast side of 12 Mile Lake, dodging debris as best I could and running over what I could not, I decide to head for home, the Hair Lounge, a few hundred yards east of Carnarvon.

As I emerge on Highway 35 from Maebar Road just south of the traffic lights, I notice less rain and less wind and begin to take stock of the damage. I proceed to turn east onto Highway 118 where the peeled-back roof of the Northland Marina's barn is immediately noticeable.

Also, beside Carnarvon Lanes, there is a spruce tree blown down across the road. Nearby residents later made quick work of the spruce. It was removed and cut up within hours of the storm's zenith.

The clearly defined markings of the highways are hidden under a blanket of pine needles, branches, leaves, trees and metal as I turn down my driveway at the Hair Lounge.

It occurs to me that the power is out and my windows, often pried into by former clients looking for a haircut, are always closed. I opt to seek refuge with my landlord who, conversely, leaves his curtains open hoping people will spy on him.

My dog and I, running in the now manageable pouring rain, make for the back of our building, first running around a particularly weak maple tree that had lost a branch a few weeks prior. I look up at the tree as we run past, but the winds have subsided for the moment.

Hearing the pounding on his door, my landlord, Renzo Rosati, welcomes me in and we chat about the storm as we stare out the windows and survey the scene. Another strong wind from the west blows through his screen door and we contemplate what it was that just happened.

Renzo says he heard the tell-tale sound of a locomotive coming where no tracks exist. It must have been a tornado.

Renzo, being a volunteer firefighter, checks his pager. No calls. Maybe dispatch was down. It later turned out that the fire department's dispatch had been inoperable because of the storm.

"I should go by the fire hall," he says.

"I should go out and take pictures," I respond.

I put my dog in the sanctuary of her crate, in the darkness of my apartment, and Renzo and I jump in his Jeep. He to offer his services to help others. Me, with my camera, to do the same in an indirect way. We both feel compelled by a sense of duty in our very different lines of work that evening.

We both feel needed.



Only one drop of rain gave reporter Bryn Weese any warning that he was about to drive through a tornado.

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Cheryl Murdoch gives stranded travellers her bed

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faces of our rescuers. They cheered us and made us laugh, and one kind soul who will always be remembered warmly by our family, Cheryl Murdoch, 2nd Vice President of the Branch, invited us to her house to spend the night. As if that wasn't enough, she gave up her nice double bed for my arthritic parents, while she slept on the pullout. Before going to bed, we sat around Cheryl's kitchen table along with Georgina Parkes, who had tried to get home but became blocked trees and wires like the rest of us, and shared stories like friends.

I would like to thank Cheryl on behalf of all my family who dearly love their grandma and grandpa, and also for proving that the world (in some parts anyway) is still a good place to live.

By Joanne Collins
Commanda Lake, Ontario



This sign says it all for many Highlanders.

Let's not forget Tories brought in market value assessment

To the Editor:

The July 19, 2006 issue of *The Times* includes a timely item submitted by Conservative MPP Laurie Scott regarding the provincial government freeze on property assessments for the next two years. Her solution to sky-rocketing tax increases levied on waterfront property here in cottage country: "elect a Conservative government (which) would have the experience and determination to make the tough decisions."

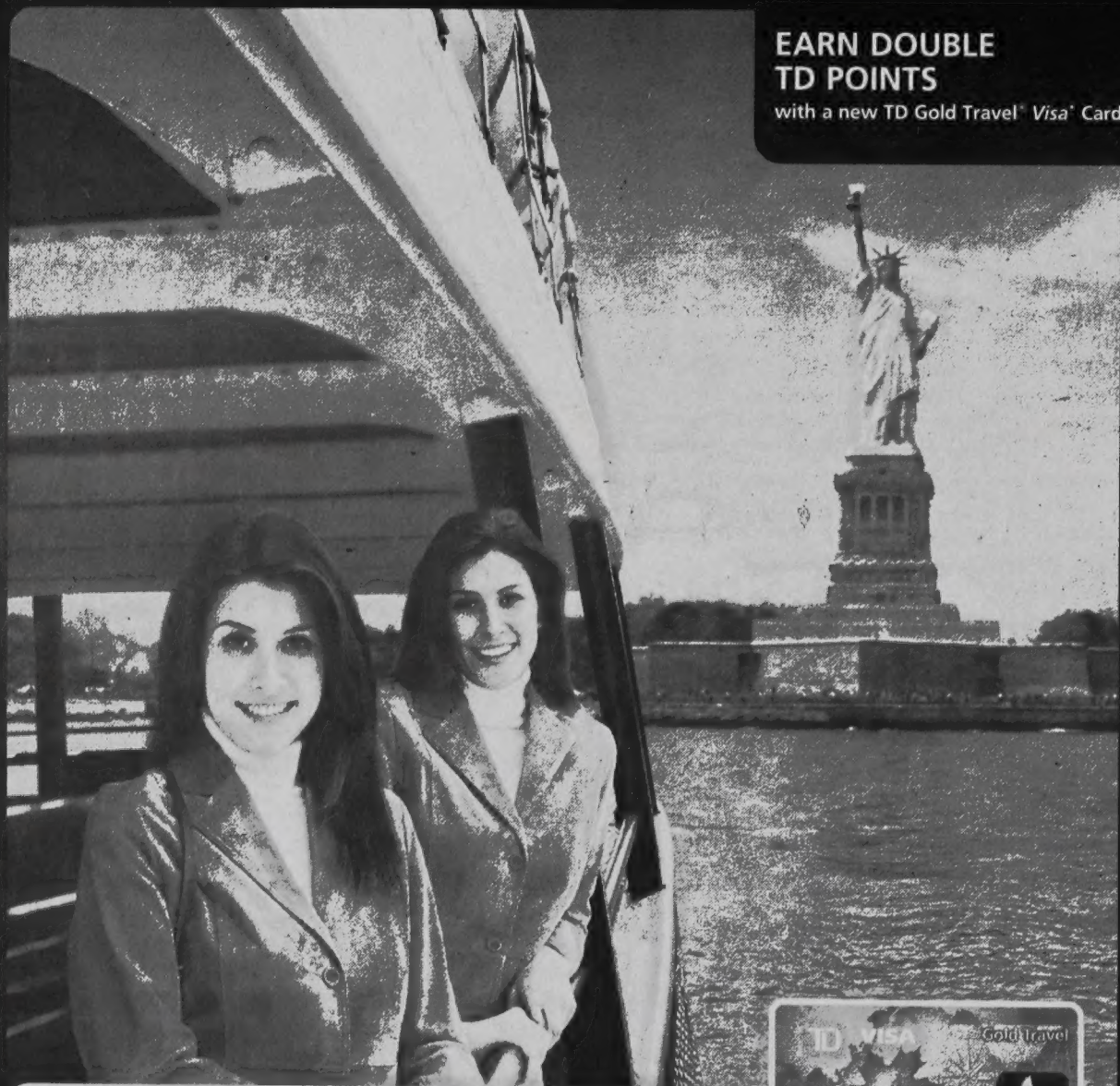
Excuse me! Thank you for the reminder that it was Mike Harris Conservative government that gave us a market value assessment formula which has for the past dozen years resulted in enormous tax increases for those with waterfront property.

The cottage culture here in Ontario has permitted many thousands of middle-class families to enjoy summer at the lake for more than 50 years and now the new higher and higher taxes place this cherished way of cottage life in jeopardy for many people now. Yet, it is now the responsibility of the current provincial government to bring some sanity into this taxation system and we hope the freeze currently in effect makes clear there is recognition on the highest levels of government that a serious, even destructive problem exists. It must be corrected!

Ken Brown,
South Lake

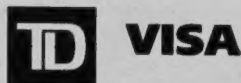
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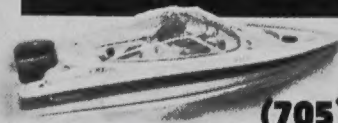
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Severe storm brings out the best in GCH emergency response efforts

by BOB HUGHES
special to The Times

For Galway-Cavendish and Harvey emergency and operations personnel, response to the recent extreme weather situation was more "on-the-spot" action than a formal operation based on central control such as they had learned at their annual emergency preparedness sessions over the past several years.

It is also ironic that the most-recent preparedness practice session, held earlier this summer as a Peterborough County-wide exercise, was based on the passage of a series of violent storms.

The reason why GCH chose not to set up its township office building-based control centre was speed, Reeve Tom Flynn explains.

"The storm was over and the damage was done in a matter of minutes, and what was needed most were people on the scene doing their jobs. Our emergency managers – Roads Superintendent Gerrard Pearson and Fire Chief Don Mitchell – arrived very early on Wednesday night and communicated with their crews by cell phone and in person. In fact, Don Mitchell kept me informed by cell phone so that I could join them to assess the situation and help out as best I could.

"We could not have set up and staffed a control centre in anywhere near the time the situation demanded."

Something township staff could do, and did, was issue information through radio and television, with Treasurer Carol James heard on CBC Radio and other stations urging cottage owners to delay or suspend coming to the area to allow crews to clear the way to their properties. Flynn and Mitchell were interviewed by CHEX-TV, Peterborough, with Mitchell acting as a "geographical" guide aboard the CTV Toronto news helicopter.

Flynn has great praise for Pearson and Mitchell, who were both on the job almost non-stop for up to five days, taking time out only for short naps, and for their people, almost every one of whom worked for long periods of time.

A lot of credit, Flynn adds, goes to the roads department crews for their non-stop efforts at making the local roads passable, and to the township's volunteer firefighters, who completed the arduous task of going door-to-door in the devastated area checking for trapped or injured people within the first 24 hours.



Casey Lessard/TIMES

Declaring a state of emergency is one of the options open to the reeve. Flynn took that step on the advice of the township's insurance provider when it later became advisable to provide insurance protection in case of injury to the crews provided by neighbouring municipalities.

While the extreme damage to the Cavendish area made the headlines, Flynn also wants the residents and cottagers in the Galway Road area to know that his personal and his council's thoughts are with them as well as with their neighbours to the east.

The storm – including an F1 tornado – touched down in the City of Kawartha Lakes Road 121-Galway Road intersection area, travelling and doing severe damage along some 2.5 kilometres of Galway Road before moving along Allen's Road to wreak the widely-publicized havoc along the County Road 507 corridor and in the Catchacoma, Beaver, Mississagua and other lakeside communities.

The storm knocked down trees, two antennae for TV and amateur radio and a satellite dish at the home of John and Elly Gerlings on Galway Road. "I don't know why it hit so hard," John said. "The sky got dark at around 8 pm. Then all of a sudden a gray mass was blowing so fast it was scaring me, so we went downstairs. I've never seen anything like this before. It lasted a few minutes and it was gone."



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The storm blew the roof off a barn on the south side of Highway 121 south of Kinmount.

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bridge. Only then did he lose control. "He came through the ditch, hit the 911 sign, hit the hedges, then my van," Sike said. "Dragged it 15 feet. Dragged the red car another 25 feet. I figure he must have been going about 120 (km/h)."

The crash also dragged a third vehicle 30 feet, hit a large rock and stopped on the road.

"I don't know how he didn't hit the house," McMaster said.

The Sikes were surprised to find no one was hurt, especially considering their guests were sleeping in a tent only feet away from the driveway where the first vehicles were hit.

"It was a big crash," Carmen Sike said. "My initial thought was that tree went down. (It was snapped in the storm). We were sleeping in the room on the corner (nearest the cars and the tree). I looked outside because my visitors were sleeping in the tents underneath the tree."

"I looked out," Steve Sike added,



Casey Leonard/TIMES

Because the accident happened in the middle of the night, no one was in this car parked in front of the Sikes' house west of the Allsaw Bridge. After the driver of a delivery truck lost control, the truck ran into the parked car — metres away from people in a tent.

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dition that caused him to pass out.

The miraculous story has another twist. A fourth vehicle, only feet from the path of destruction, was untouched.

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Barbecue feeds the masses; ice keeps their food cold

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Wednesday's severe storm and ensuing electrical blackouts caused widespread headaches throughout the county. And while people were struggling to make do with no fridges, no water and no fuel, a few businesses in town offered welcome relief.

With no convenient way of cooking food, the Dominion Hotel's outdoor BBQ was well received by hundreds of people who stopped by to buy a hamburger or a cup of much-needed coffee.

"It was a really great day," says owner Shawn Chamberlin. "We served just under 400 people... We had an excellent response from the people who stopped by."

Chamberlin says that the idea for a barbecue struck him and his staff while they were having coffee on Thursday morning.

"People were going up and down the street saying, we're hungry, we're hungry," he says. "We figured that we had to do something, so we got the barbecue going and put the tent up. [The people] were so glad to see us because they didn't have any food and they had no power so they couldn't cook."

While the outdoor barbecue was not only savvy business sense, Chamberlin says the real push for the outdoor food tent came from hungry people who needed food.

"Hunger was our concern more than anything. We were concerned about people having something to eat," he says, adding that coffee junkies were equally glad. "We had coffee going, and, it was funny, it was like a coffee clutch around the machine. We had a bunch of people standing there with a coffee in their hands and they all had that glazed-over look and a big smile on their face."

The line-up for the Dominion's outdoor food tent started before 11 a.m. and finished at 3:30 p.m.

Not only did the power outage (which as of Sunday continued in many remote areas of the county) make cooking and preparing food an inconvenience. Having no power also threatened to ruin food in fridges all over the

Highlands.

Kawartha Dairy's ice, which was still only \$2 per bag, was in high demand.

The store was closed on Thursday because of the power outage, says Wendy Hughes, the office manager at Kawartha Dairy in Minden, but staff opened an outdoor freezer station to serve the public with bags of ice.

"We totally sold out," Hughes says. "I don't really know how much ice we sold, I don't know what the stock pile was, but it was more than 3,500 small bags of ice anyways."

And with some people still without power during the long weekend, the demand continued. In fact, in the days following Wednesday's storm, although Kawartha Dairy was receiving ice shipments regularly, they still couldn't meet the demand.

"Unfortunately, we've had to turn people away," she says.

Thankfully, Hughes says, Kawartha Dairy didn't lose any ice cream products in the blackout.

But hamburgers and ice are only part of the solution. Another major need during the blackout was fuel, and with no power, stations in

Minden, save one, were closed.

Initially, Francis Fuels, a cardlock station on Highway 35 south of Minden, began pumping fuel (with generator power) for the emergency vehicles of Hydro One, Minden Hills, the county and the fire department. The line quickly grew with residents and regular vehicles queuing as well.

"Originally it was the Hydro who asked for fuel and then it was the township," says Ingun Francis. "So Ted [Francis] got the generator hooked up to provide gas to them and their crews. The township has their own card, so they can get in, but we had no hydro. We had to get the generator going before they could get gas."

With emergency vehicles lining up, it didn't take long for residents and tourists to ask for fuel as well.

"We stood at the pumps all day [Thursday]. It was hectic but we were happy that we could help, and everybody seemed to appreciate it," she says.



Kawartha Dairy sold more than 3,500 bags of ice on Thursday.

David Bradley photo.

Dog saves owner's life after storm tosses them into Halls Lake

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

In the height of last week's storm, a woman and her dog were tossed overboard from their aluminum fishing boat on Halls Lake.

Reports from the Stanhope Fire Department indicate that the unidentified woman and her dog, Jack, spent up to three hours in the water before firefighters commandeered a vessel and took her to safety.

In fact, it was the dog's incessant barking that drew attention to the boating accident. The dog swam to shore and woke up a cottager, who came outside to investigate. When he saw the distraught, wet dog, he went out in his boat and located the woman clinging to the side of her overturned boat.

He pulled her into his boat and took her to his cottage, where he phoned 911.

The fire department was the first to arrive.

"It was a very confusing scene," says Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief John Hogg. "The woman was naturally upset and [once rescued] she kept asking if the firefighters had found Jack."

Firefighters thought there was another person in the water until they realized Jack was her dog who had been sitting beside her.

Hogg says the fire department was dispatched by Haliburton's EMS to the scene but between the time that the firefighters went down Halls Lake Road and the ambulance arrived, multiple trees had fallen, blocking the latter's path. It wasn't until the fire department could chainsaw its way out, with the woman and her dog, that EMS could treat her for shock and mild hypothermia.

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And the band played on

Storm keeps crowds away from Legion fundraising dance

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The Minden Legion, Branch 636, held what was to be its largest fundraiser to date to help cover the cost of the branch's new roof. Unfortunately, Wednesday night's storm and ensuing power outages kept cottagers at home and residents still reeling from property damage.

"Without power, you'd think they would have nothing else to do," said Cheryl Murdoch, deputy reeve of Minden Hills and a Legionnaire. "But you have to try. We planned for everything except the storm of the century."

The concert, a rousing performance by Toronto band Arden and the Tourists, was attended by about 50 people who enjoyed every minute of dancing and singing along with the plethora of musical hits from all eras including Johnny Cash, Shania Twain, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Patsy Cline, Van Morrison and others.

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Perhaps people were too tired from cutting their way through Wednesday's storm to attend the Arden and the Tourists dance at the community centre, but those who did make it had a wonderful time.

The funds raised on Saturday were supposed to complement a \$25,000 Trillium Foundation grant. The Legion is still seeking an additional \$50,000 to cover the costs of the building's new roof.

Unfortunately, the crowd they were hoping for never came. Many theorized that it was because of the storm.

Despite the low turnout at Saturday's concert, the Legion's new president, Malcolm MacLean, said that he was hopeful that the debt of the new roof would be paid off within five years. In addition to Saturday's concert, the



Trillium Foundation grant, regular auctions and raffles, the Legion has also implemented a \$10 annual levy on its members until the roof is paid off.

The Legion was especially grateful to Kawartha Dairy who donated the use of a

refrigerated truck and the diesel.

Also, the use of the arena, usually a \$400 expense, was the Legion's one free night that they are granted annually by council, as are most not-for-profit organizations.

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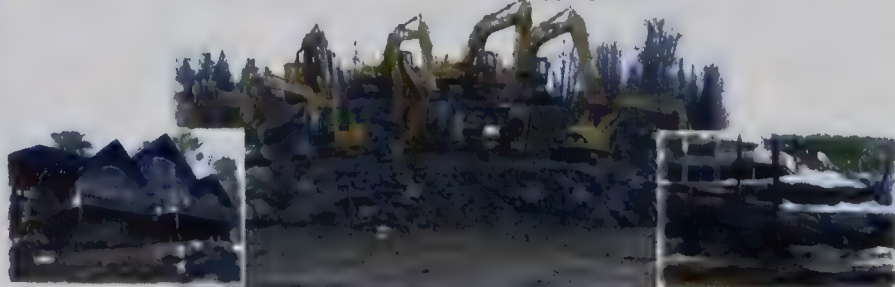
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Scenes like this have become a common sight across the county in the past few days.



Trees bent and broken on Galway Road.

At least two tornadoes and a 10-kilometre microburst toppled trees and downed lines

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As thunderstorms hurled their way across Ontario on Wednesday night, at least two tornadoes and a 10-kilometre microburst toppled trees and downed dozens of hydro lines across Haliburton County.

"Initially on the radar there were very intense cells of storms but then a line of very extreme thunderstorms came through the Haliburton area," says Sarah Wong, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada. "It was extremely active where Haliburton is and Barry's Bay. That's where the most intensive group of storms were."

One confirmed tornado cut a southeast to northwest diagonal swath from Bryson's Marina on Lake Kashagawigamog through Blairhampton, Horseshoe Lake and 12 Mile Lake, stopping just below Highway 118 near Bobcaygeon Road.

The second followed a west-east pattern from Maple Lake United Church through West Guilford and Cranberry Lake.

The tornadoes were classed F1, which is the lowest level of intensity.

"It's like someone took a rake across the county," says Haliburton County EMS manager Bob English.

Wong flew over the area on Sunday but has not been able to confirm whether it was a tornado or an intense microburst that toppled trees in a 10 km swath across Drag Lake.

"It's a bit of a puzzle for me," she said Monday of the damage patterns in the Drag Lake area, where power had yet to be restored six days after the storm.

Microbursts can have winds from 120 to 170 km/hr. Tornadoes' winds range from 60 to 500 km an hour. Signs of a tornado are narrow paths through forests with twisted trees lying in many different directions. With a microburst the winds toss the trees around like a fan.

Wong says Ontario's storm season got off to a slow start but it's quickly made up for it. "It was like a pent up energy in the atmosphere."

Typically there are 14 tornadoes a season and last week's tornadoes had Ontario reaching that number.

"It's highly unusual in that we've already had 14 tornadoes and we still have another two months of potentially severe weather to go."

The windstorm shocked the Highlands into eerie silence on Wednesday night but it didn't take long for the sounds of chainsaws and generators to fill the void left by the widespread power outage that followed in the storm's wake.

All hopes of spending the holiday weekend relaxing on the dock or enjoying a three-day break from responsibilities were quickly dashed by the storm.

These are traditionally the busiest weeks of the year in the Highlands and thousands of people were at their cottages or camps when the storm hit. No one was seriously hurt but thousands of trees were destroyed and the property damage was excessive.

The trees around the West Guilford Community Centre were mown down, but fortunately they fell on top of one another instead of on the centre itself.

St. Peter's Church on Maple Lake lost most of its trees but they too had the grace to fall away from the historic stone building. Across Stanhope it was almost as if the winds or tornado jumped from place to place, causing

several small pockets of damage, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said. Matabanick Inn on Boshkung Lake suffered some of the worst damage in Algonquin Highlands.

Highlands East declared a state of emergency to ensure that road crews could get out to the trouble areas.

There was very little damage in either Minden or Haliburton, the two villages which were the first to get power restored almost 24 hours after the storm hit. (Wilberforce also got power on Thursday night and it was restored in Eagle Lake by the next morning.)

All of Haliburton County lost power at the exact same time (approximately 8 p.m.) after trees caused significant damage to the three main feeder lines at the Minden transformer station, which distributes electricity

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8500 homes in county without power as of Monday

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to surrounding sub-stations.

Hydro officials are expecting that most of the towns and villages will have power restored when they wake up on Tuesday morning, but for outlying areas it could take until the end of day on Wednesday, says Bill Smeaton, Hydro One's Customer Operations Manager.

By the weekend Hydro One had 200 men working in the area, with more crews arriving as storm damage was cleared in other parts of the province. As of Monday, the crew had grown to 300 staff, with workers coming in from across the province to lend a hand.

Hydro One says that the amount of work that had to be done was the equivalent of all the improvement work it would undertake in a year. There were more than 900 field staff and 11 helicopters working to restore power

province-wide. Other trouble spots included Combermere, where a Canadian Tire was flattened by a tornado, Bancroft, Penetang, and Bracebridge. On Monday, five full days after the storm, there were still 8,500 households in Haliburton County without power.

Smeaton says the crews were working 16 hours a day, resting at night when there was little visibility.

One of the main concerns was that people were touching downed hydro lines, believing they were dead. The more time that had elapsed since the power outage, the more risks people took. However, there is always that chance that improperly-installed generators kick power back into the system.

Because there were so many trees on lines, Smeaton says workers had to be extra careful before switching the power back on. They couldn't risk sparking from the downed wires starting a fire. "We literally have to go station to station and open our switches."

"Hydro's been awesome. Awesome," Dysart roads superintendent Brian Nicholson said Friday night. Road crews needed hydro's help in many trouble spots because of the downed wires and hydro was extremely responsive in addressing the municipality's priority areas.

Roads crews worked day and night to make the roads passable. By Thursday at noon, the Harburn Road was the only county road to remain blocked because hydro lines were caught up in the jangle of fallen trees. County Road 503 from Gooderham to Buckhorn was also closed because of damage in Peterborough County.

Everyone's main priority was ensuring that emergency crews could have access to the thousands of properties along the hundreds of normally picturesque forested roads that lead to lakes. While the power outage, which left nearly no corner of the Highlands untouched, was of concern, municipal politicians were also deeply worried about the number of downed telephone lines. How would people along these cottage roads contact emergency personnel if there was a problem?

"I'd feel a lot better if they had phones at least," Dysart et al Reeve Murray.

The health unit was concerned about the dozens of camps in the area, especially since some of them have



Bryn Weese/TIMES

Boshkung cottagers out cleaning up on Thursday morning on Highway 35.

treated water facilities that run on electricity.

Camps were contacted either by phone or in person to try to ensure that everyone was alright.

Under the county's emergency preparedness plan, there was a meeting at 6 a.m. on Thursday morning of everyone who was trying to cope with the storm's aftermath: hydro, EMS, roads departments, OPP, health unit, social services and politicians. They met again at noon for an update and establish priorities.

EMS's Bob English says one of the important tasks was to help people stay calm in such a stressful situation.

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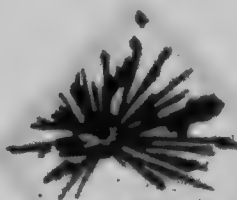
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Fire chiefs warn of coming fires as Hydro flips switch

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Fire crews in both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands worked diligently through the night following the severe storm system that left its mark throughout the county last Wednesday night.

"It was as busy as it has ever been during the storm," says John Hogg, Algonquin Highlands' fire chief. To make matters worse, he says, the storm was so widespread, it knocked out the central dispatch service that left five fire departments without communications.

Doug Schell, Hogg's counterpart in Minden Hills, also says that the storm was a peak in activity for the department.

"It was chaos for a while," he says. "Our first calls came in right around 8 o'clock and I couldn't even tell you how many different calls we had with hydro lines sparking, people trapped between trees in their cars and trees down on cottages."

Some firefighters even reported working 20-hour shifts.

"We'd get a call for some little thing," says Minden Hills firefighter Grant Hutchinson, who was one of five firefighters who stayed in the fire hall on standby through the night, "but it would take us four hours to chain-saw our way down the driveway."

While both Schell and Hogg say that they have been able

to catch their breath since the night of the storm, both fear they may be pressed into a lot of action very soon.

"It is impossible for hydro to identify all of the damaged lines before they turn on a grid," says Hogg.

"We are likely going to see a lot of sparking wires cause fires. If we're lucky,

we won't have too many to deal with."

Schell echoes his counterpart's concern.

"I'm surprised that we haven't had more calls [about sparking wires]," Schell said on Monday of the long weekend. "We

have had a few calls when they turn the power on, there are still the odd tree or branch on lines, but Hydro One has been doing a super job of clearing the lines."

Also, both fire chiefs are urging resi-

dents with fallen trees and debris on their property to use caution if they plan to burn the brush, adding that there is still no day burning allowed. Brush fires can only be lit two hours before sunset and must be extinguished two hours after sunrise. Any damage incurred by brush fires is the responsibility of the resident.

"We are likely going to see a lot of sparking wires cause fires."

JOHN HOGG, Fire Chief

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Power outage hits Camp Kilcoo with perfect timing

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Someone was smiling on Kilcoo Camp during last week's storm, because the only ones there to witness it were the staff.

The July campers had been sent home on the 30th of that month, and the camp went into its usual mid-summer break when the staff is allowed to go home. The staff returned to Kilcoo for August on Wednesday, August 2, the night of the infamous storm.

"They thought it was cool, because it was a wild storm," explains David 'Lub' Latimer, the camp's director since 1985. "Our [August] kids arrived the day after the storm."

But while Kilcoo was empty during the storm, which brought down a modest two or three trees, the camp still had to deal with no power for nearly three days, it having been restored by lunchtime on Saturday.

"As far as the infrastructure of the camp is concerned, you realize how important power is for all the food, the water and the sewage," Latimer says. "But what we think of as camp – the campfires, kids, games and activities – power has nothing to do with it. That's why, to the kids, it doesn't matter. They have a great time."

The storm that rocked Haliburton County did make news broadcasts in the urban centres as did the lasting power outage that continues for nearly 7,500 residents at the time of print. Surprisingly, the camp, which is at full capacity with 232 children, didn't receive a single call during the long weekend asking how 'little Johnny' was doing without power.

"You're not going to believe this," Latimer says. "We didn't have one call. The way the parents look at it is, it's just like camping. The kids didn't miss a beat, they just don't have a lightbulb at night."

Without power, the camp did change their routine ever so slightly. To begin with, there were three 18-wheel trucks parked on the campgrounds; two were refrigerated trucks sent up from Toronto and the third was a water truck from Peterborough.

Also, in addition to the six scheduled canoe trips leaving the camp on Saturday of the long weekend, two others were sent out as well to slightly ease the burden on the camp's systems.

And lastly, the camp's flush toilets were closed, leaving only the hole-in-the-ground outhouses in use.

Thankfully, due in large part to Latimer's brother, who organized the three trucks, no food was spoiled. But that is a chance Latimer is not going to take again.

He is already thinking about buying a large generator to keep at the camp in case of future power outages.

"I think in the fall, we're going to spend the money to buy a big generator," he says. "From what I read, it sounds to me like the storms are getting stronger and more violent every year. To go two or three days [without power], it's okay, but if this continues every year it might be worth the money."



When HydroOne asked Minden United Church to host a dinner for its hungry crews, it expected to have the meal catered. But since Irene Moxam had two roasts in the freezer they got a home-cooked meal instead.

United Church feeds weary hydro workers

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Irene Moxam is the social convenor at the Minden United Church and she was a little surprised when Hydro One called her on Thursday around lunchtime to ask if they could use the church to feed their crew.

Hydro One was planning to cater. Irene would hear nothing of it.

"When they called asking to use the church, I had three great big roasts in the freezer and some bags of peas. It doesn't take long to organize a dinner," she says. "We weren't able to get any homemade pies which we usually have at all of our other dinners, but it was an emergency."

Moxam's main role at the church is meals and so, not surprisingly, she is used to dealing with large, hungry crowds. In fact, growing up as the oldest in a large family, she's been cooking for crowds all of her life.

In this case, she can personally appreciate the need for the hydro workers to be well fed and taken care of.

"My husband worked for hydro when we were first married 52 years ago. He was away most of the time and I know when he'd come home, he was just totally exhausted," she says. "If there is anything that you can do to help, you certainly will do it."

Moxam's estimate was that there were close to 70 workers being fed at the church that night, just after electricity was restored to the town of Minden. But, she says, she and her three helpers were far too busy to count.

"There were only four of us and our tails were dragging," she says. "I think there was around 70 people. There was just so much going on, that you didn't have time to count."

Moxam says that while the hydro workers didn't do the dishes, most helped clear the tables. And they all expressed their gratitude to the four women – Jean Collier, Pat Bradburn, Pat Thornet and Moxam – for the meal.

"Irene was just terrific to our staff and put on a wonderful dinner," says Al Manchee of Hydro One. "Our people really, really appreciated their hospitality and the lengths

they went to to make our people feel comfortable and well fed."

Bill Smeaton, also of Hydro One, has heard great things about Moxam's dinner too.

"I've heard the dinner was amazing," says Bill Smeaton from Hydro One. "I think she's being kind of light on the 70. I've heard it might have been closer to 100. But she would know better."

Smeaton says that in situations such as these, Hydro One sees first-hand how generous people can be in hard times.

Whether it's an individual in West Guilford cooking hamburgers for emergency workers, the Minden United Church having them for dinner, and even residents offering their homes and cottages to Hydro One to use (which they haven't accepted for legal reasons), Smeaton says big storms seem to bring out the best in people time and time again.

"I can't express how grateful Hydro One is for the public support in this time of crisis," he says. "The people have been amazing. The community has sure come together on this."

One of his theories to explain why the people of Haliburton County have been so hospitable could be because they have a good understanding of just how hard it is for people to work in the forested areas nearby.

"We have a lot of people [in the county] who work in the bush, so they know what these workers are dealing with," he says. "People up here know what it's like to slog through the bush day after day."

Smeaton says that, with Hydro One crews in the area at least until the end of the week, he hopes the kind generosity and hospitality in the county continues. He also hopes that everyone remains safe by staying clear of downed power lines, especially now since grids are being turned back on.

"People become comfortable with the lines," he says. "They have seen them lying there all week and they get to them, but please, please don't touch them. So far, we've been fortunate and we want to keep it that way."

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Tree traps napping mother in car Son rescues her from 'cocoon'

by DAVID BRADLEY
Special to The Times

On Monday I had been trying to remove the oil drain from my mother's car at our cottage and, after having no luck, I retreated to Moore Lake for a quick swim to refresh and get rid of some sand and grime I had collected.

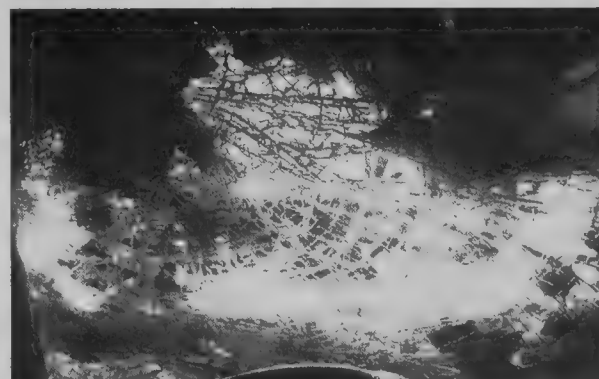
I heard this thunderous sound followed by a whoooooosh. I raced up the steps from the lake and where I had been, perhaps two minutes earlier, was now hidden by half of a very large maple tree that had split at the crotch.

As I did a walkabout to see how bad it really was, I heard a voice. My mother, Doris, had decided to have a nap in the back seat of the car and was now trapped inside. She was not hurt.

After a bit of searching and climbing through what used to be the top of the tree, I reached the back door on the driver's side and with some effort, and perhaps a bit of swearing, I managed to get the door open and release her from her cocoon.

The car is in bad shape. The back window is broken, the roof is buckled and after cutting away the upper branches to get a better look, I am not sure if we are able of freeing the beast as the weight of the tree is resting on the car.

Needless to say, an interesting late afternoon event at Moore Falls.



Top: Richard Bradley poses in front of his mother's battered car. Above: The view from inside the vehicle.

Be cautious when using chainsaws on trees

The Ontario Forestry Association has the following tips for landowners hit with damage from the August 2nd windstorm.

1. Use extreme care with chain saws; this equipment is extremely dangerous for inexperienced operators. Trees leaning into standing trees are often under strain and pressure, they can spring back and hit the chain saw operator.

2. Do not attempt to clear any tree from a utility line - wait for the professionals

3. Inspect your standing trees for cracks in the trunk and major limbs - put up flagging tape to demarcate the danger zone, keep people and pets away.

4. Take photos for your insurance claim.

5. Consider a salvage operation if you have a large number of saw logs - 12' or larger at chest height, especially if they are hardwood or pine.

Foresters will know reliable loggers, local market conditions, and regulatory requirements. If possible, make plans to salvage within the first six months after storm damage.

Consider retaining some storm-damaged trees and downed debris for wildlife habitat. Trees with broken tops or large broken limbs, and larger diameter downed wood, provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

Generally, the higher the break and smaller diameter the break point, the higher the probability that the tree will recover.

Trees bent near or past horizontal will probably not recover. The best course of action may be to remove damaged trees and replant.

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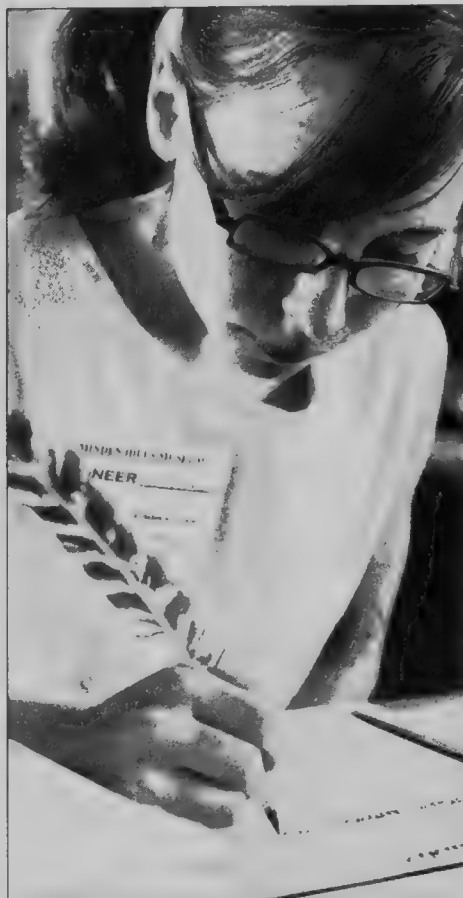
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While many area residents were forced to remember life before electricity because of the storm, children have been doing it for fun at the Minden Hills Museum each Wednesday this summer. Above left: Alysha Audet "really liked learning about the schooling." Centre: Robert Orlowski plays the game of graces. Above right: Lynne Hunt gives a lesson about how to properly write with a quill and ink pot. Below right: Samantha Miller learns that writing on slate is not as easy as the modern equivalent.

The museum will be hosting a hook-in for the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hooking branch Saturday August 12 from 10-4. The public is welcome.



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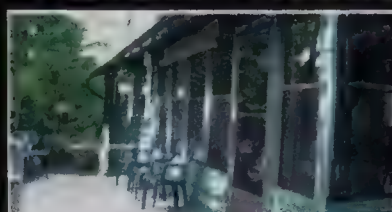
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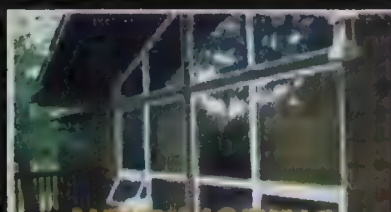
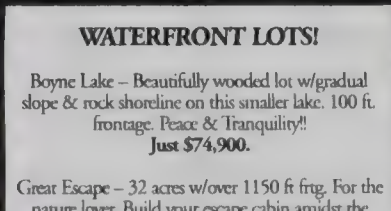
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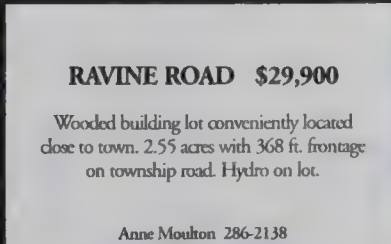
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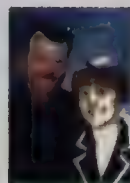
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Generator saves the day when lights go out

Here at the old farmhouse the storm left us powerless until early Sunday. By Thursday noon it was time to try the generator for only its fourth run since purchase back in December 2004. It worked. Life then revolved around blocks of time for necessary M.G. tasks (minus generator) such as sleeping and W. G. tasks (with generator) including showering and a quick ironing to be at least presentable for church. We must confess to occasional use of the computer checking e-mail and, of course, brief periods of viewing to keep up to date with the trials and tribulations of The Young and The Restless.

Fortunately we had no damage here but some of our Galway Road neighbours closer to C.R. 121 were left with many trees down. All, however, remain grateful there were no injuries.

This experience has brought about a serious review of our emergency plan and the need to make sure that certain supplies are always on hand. Once again the intuition of our four-legged family members impresses. Just minutes before the storm hit the dog and cat came indoors lying very close to us while ponies, walking in single file, could be seen heading down to the shelter of their sturdy log barn.

With the support of the Kinmount & District Lions Club the Music in the Park program continues through August every Thursday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.. Bring your lawn chair and head out to the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park pavilion. This week on August 10th Zoe Chilco will provide the music for what is

sure to be a very pleasant evening.

This weekend August 12 and 13 fabric artist Jane Selbie will be featured in the 2006 Summer Art Shows series at the Kinmount Railway Station from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Using her original technique of fabric layering Jane captures light, colour and scene into a framed art presentation.

You will be amazed that everything is made of fabric and not one of the more traditional media. The Farmers Market will be in full swing on Saturday only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Station/Park area and the model train exhibit is a fun visit for all ages.

There's still time to collect your pledges or make a pledge for the 2006 Journey For Health this Sunday, August 13 in support of the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. Registration is at 9 a.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, rain or shine, with the Walk/Cycle starting out from 9 - 10 a.m.. Refreshments, lunch and great prizes will be available. For more information or to make a pledge call Vic Ballik at 705 488-3053 or Joyce Brown 488-2687.

Dynamic singer/entertainer Curly Bridges will play a return engagement on Saturday, August 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Kinmount Legion. Advance tickets are \$10 or \$12 at the door which includes a light lunch. For tickets call

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Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go to-gether.

Please note several events were not held this past week due to power outages from the storm.

August 1 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Pat Roussel led the scoring at 366 with Pat Scadden 293 second and Gala Stamp a close third at 292. Pat Scadden took the only moonshot while Elli Langpohl, Archie Ross and Helen Mackey held hidden scores.

August 1 contract bridge at Stanhope: Lois Emmerson and Ross Davies had the afternoon's only Slam. Top score went to Harold Cox 6270 followed by Vange Croucher 5420, Helene Shewchuk 5350 and Joe Shewchuk 4910. Muriel McIntosh won the lucky draw, Jean Best the Shiny Penny and for Harold the "H.T.T.K." Award accompanied by a loud Hail To The King.

August 2 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South Ron and Ken Sheppard were first at 59%, Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh second at 58%. East/West leaders were Bev Smith and Norm Wheeler at 62% then Vange Croucher and Margo Davidson at 58%.

August 4 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Jean Collins and Jim Forester teamed up for top spot at 58% then Margo Davidson partnered with Ruth Forester at 57%.

August 5 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots went to Pat Bailey and Helen Henderson with June Branning taking two. June also topped the high scores at 324 then Albert Foster 303 and Kevin Maloney 244. The draw winners were Maria Tschida, Marcel Roussel and Pat Bailey.

August 7 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first place was Eileen Shepstone with Emily Harvie second and Elli Langpohl third. Moonshots went to Helen Mackey, Rose Isaacson, Jake Sterhoek, Elli Langpohl and Danny.

August 7 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Doreen Powell and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Laura Carnegie and Jesse Barlow recording the high scores. Gala Stamp had the afternoon's low and also won a special prize along with Betty and Tim Sharpe.

August 7 euchre at Club 35: Verna McDonald won for lone hands with Marion Farr and Clara Miscio taking high score honours. Helen Windsor was low lady and Tom Pearson low man while Mary Schad took the bologna.

August 7 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Maria Tschida won for high hands and Bill Van Dyke for lone hands while Christa James was double lucky taking both low hands and the draw prize.



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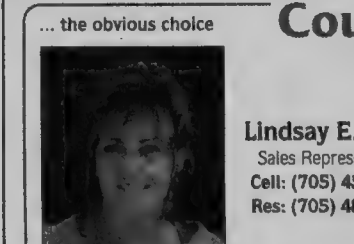


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Campfires a family favourite



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

Dorset Community Policing would like to thank all their volunteers and all others who helped out with Emergency Services Day. It was a great success and organizers hope to plan another event in the future.

Dorset Family Campfire Night takes place on August 9 starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Parkette. The evening is free but donations are welcome to cover expenses. There will be roasted marshmallows, campfire songs, games and lots of fun with day camp counselors Sarah and Chris. For more information, contact the Rec Centre at 766-9968. Brenda Turnour will be holding a two-day watercolour workshop at the centre on August 9 and 10. The cost is \$75 and registrants bring their own supplies. For more information or to register, please call the Rec Centre at 766-9968.

The Rec Centre is now taking appointments for massages with Jocelyn Smith for Monday, August 14. This is her second summer offering this service to Dorset residents. You can make an appointment by calling 766-9968.

Story time at the Dorset Library takes place on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m..

There is a Pot Luck Community Shower on August 16 for Janet Macdonald and James Ashenhurst with "Greetings" at 5

p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The shower is open to all and will be held at John and Ruth McLennan's place on Paint Lake (beside the bridge off Hwy 117). Corn on the cob and refreshments will be provided and please bring your lawn chairs. There will be a "Money Tree" in lieu of gifts. Hope to see you there!

Join Lisa of "Well Done!", a professional organizing service, as she talks about how to pack the perfect suitcase at the Rec Centre on August 16 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 and includes light refreshments, a tip sheet and a chance at door prizes. To find out more, call the Rec Centre at 766-9968.

Jocelyn is also offering a Healthy Cooking Class on August 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$25 per person. Lots of great recipes and sampling with hands-on learning about grains, salads, soups and more that are healthy for you and your family. To register, call 766-9968.

The next Dorset Family Movie Night is August 18 starting at 7 p.m. and showing Nanny McPhee. To find out more, call the Rec Centre at 766-9968.

Ladies, are you wearing the correct sized bra? Why not come to the next bra clinic to be held at the Rec Centre on August 23 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Birthday wishes for the week of August 6 to 12 go out to Erin Burgess. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or call 705-766-0076.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MINDEN ONTARIO

- **Now until Aug. 31:** Celebrating 10 years of Supporting Canadian Artists. Exhibition of Art "Inspired by Haliburton", The Ethel Curry Gallery, 457-9687. Free.
- **Aug. 8:** Loonie Tennis - 10 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 5-16 Stanhope Firefighters Rec Centre. North Shore Rd. Rackets, balls & tennis tips provided.
- **Aug. 8:** Minden Hills Museum invites children ages 7-12 to come for a morning of pioneer fun. Children will enjoy lessons, crafts, games & snacks in a one room school. Pre-registration necessary. Entry fee charged. Call 286-3154 for info. or to register
- **Aug. 8:** Tai Chi at the Dorset Rec Centre, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 766-9968.
- **Aug. 8:** Dorset Seniors Club - Bid Euchre, Euchre, Cribbage, Pool, Shuffleboard, 7:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 9:** Haliburton School of the Arts Visual Presentations. Wed. 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Dorothy Caldwell: A Personal Journey - Dorothy Caldwell. She will speak about her life as an artist. Call 457-1680.
- **Aug. 9:** In Search of Old Growth - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. From West Guilford, follow Kennis Lake Rd. (Cty. Rd. #7) to West Shore Rd. (approx. 20 km). Turn left on West Shore Rd & continue 11 km - hike starts opposite Lot 20. Explore one of the few remaining stands of old growth white pine & hemlock left in Ontario. Your leaders will be Larry Hewitt, a local landowner and outdoorsman; and wildlife biologist, Paul Heaven. You will be walking 6-8 km on moderately challenging terrain so come prepared and bring a lunch. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register, please contact: 286-5206, e-mail shirley.davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca
- **Aug. 9:** Day 1 of 2 day Watercolour Art Workshop - for Advanced Beginner/Intermediate at the Dorset Rec Centre from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with artist Brenda J. Behan Turnour.
- **Aug. 10:** Day 2 of 2 day Watercolour Art Workshop at the Dorset Rec Centre from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 11:** Music by the Gull. A series of free outdoor concerts. Bring a lawn chair. Opposite the Minden Post Office. 7 p.m. until dusk. Friday, Aug. 11. Double Bill: Highlands Brass Quintet & Edward deSilva guitarist.
- **Aug. 12:** Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association Membership Information Meeting. Sat., Aug. 12, 10 a.m. H.L.C.A. Hall.
- **Aug. 12:** The Golf Tournament for the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association will be held on Sat., Aug. 12. Call Lakeside Golf Club 754-2110 to pre-book and prepay your tee time. Phone Doug Watso 286-1519 for further info or to donate prizes.
- **Aug. 13:** Decoration Day Service at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m.
- **Aug. 14:** Massages by Jocelyn Smith at the Dorset Rec Centre, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Aug. 14 - 18:** Junior Naturalists Camps. The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists are pleased to invite nature enthusiasts aged 7-10 to take part in a variety of activities that explore our natural world at Minden Museum. Play and Learn with other kids; Fun games, activities, arts and crafts. For more info. contact Jean Godawa 457-5357, Email: buglady814@simpatico.ca
- **Aug. 15:** 2 p.m. Unveiling ceremony - National Historic Site plaque at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum. All welcome. Come early for pre ceremony entertainment.
- **Aug. 15:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting - held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Aug. 15:** Tai Chi at the Dorset Rec Centre, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 766-9968.
- **Aug. 16:** Haliburton Village Heritage Walks - Join the staff of the Haliburton Highlands Museum on heritage tours of old Haliburton Village. We meet Wednesday, 9 a.m. at the public dock. Info 457-2760.
- **Aug. 16:** Geocaching: A GPS Treasure hunt - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kinark Outdoor Centre, on Queen's Line off Hwy. #118 west of Carnarvon. "Geocaching" is an outdoor treasure hunt and is becoming popular around the world. Learn the basics of GPS (Global Positioning System). Registration required. Stewardship Council 286-5206.

- **Now until Aug. 18:** Meet and Greet faculty and students of Haliburton School of The Arts, Ethel Curry Gallery, Haliburton, Mon., Tues., Wed., 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Free
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays until Aug. 10:** 1:30 p.m. Children's crafts with a little bit of history. Minden Hills Museum, Minden. Call 286-3154 for cost and info.
- **Wednesdays: Until Aug. 9:** 9:30 to 12 noon. Pioneer School Sessions - Play readin', ritin' & 'rithmetic in our 1 room schoolhouse. Ages 7-12. Call 286-3154 for costs and to register.
- **Aug.: Wednesdays 9:30 to noon - Summer Art Club.** Learn how to draw, explore great art and share your work. 8+. Call 286-3763 for cost & to register. Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden.
- **YWCA** of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to act as home companions for a new program, YWCA Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS). For more information, call the YWCA Women's Centre at 286-1942.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **Haliburton Highlands Concert Series - Get your Series, Sat., Oct. 14 - Natalie Chouquette;** Sat., Nov. 4 - 4 hands, 1 piano. For info. Call 457-9731.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on 08 September 2006, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Minden.

Property Description:

Roll No. 46 21 020 000 67300 0000, Part of Lot 4, Concession 11, Geographic Township of McClintock, Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19) Designated as Parts 1, 2 & 3 on Plan 19R7095. File No. 99-03
Minimum Tender Amount \$5,580.79

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 34400 0000, Part Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Stanhope, In the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Designated as Parts 60, 87 and 96 on Reference Plan RD-143. File No. 04-05
Minimum Tender Amount \$12,579.22

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 59300 0000, Part Lot 26, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Stanhope, Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Designated as Part 8, Plan RD-148, Together with a Right of Way over Part 27, Plan RD 148 for the purposes of ingress, egress and access to and from Maple Lake. File No. 04-07
Minimum Tender Amount \$7,912.79

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 59800 0000, Part Lot 26, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Stanhope, Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Designated as Part 13, Plan RD 148, Together with a Right of Way in common with others entitled thereto, over and along parts 25 and 26, Plan RD 148. File No. 04-08
Minimum Tender Amount \$7,800.19

Roll No. 46 21 003 000 02400 0000, Part Broken Lot 3, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Stanhope, In the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19), As in Instrument No. 120415. File No. 04-09
Minimum Tender Amount \$16,052.73

Roll No. 46 21 021 000 06900 0000, Part Lot 16, Concession 14, Geographic Township of McClintock, In the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton (No. 19), As in Instrument No. 209271. File No. 04-20
Minimum Tender Amount \$29,996.50

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Municipal Tax Sales Rules* made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

Note: G.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:

www.OntarioTaxSales.ca

or if no internet access available, contact:

Shella Griffin
Treasurer/Tax Collector
The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands
Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office
1123 North Shore Road
R.R. #2
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
(705) 489-2379
www.algonquinhighlands.ca



Maria Perrin, 7, of Minden joins Kansas residents and Big Bob Lake cottagers Cindy McNicoll and Joshua Hunnel, 8, on the Scrambler at the Minden Rotary Carnival Tuesday night. The carnival's busiest time is typically between 7 and 9 pm, which is when the storm hit Wednesday night.

The fun before the storm



An expectant Cassandra Butterfield and her boyfriend's son Romey Hewson, 2 1/2, sample the mini-donuts on offer at the carnival. "Pregnant lady needs the donuts," Butterfield joked.



Howard Smith tries to win a prize by throwing a ball to win a race, and succeeds.



Ariel Kimber, 9, and Arik Kimber, 7, struggle to navigate the rotating exit of the fun house ride.

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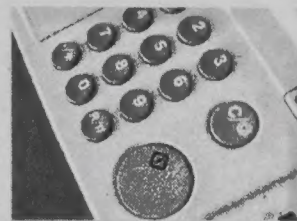
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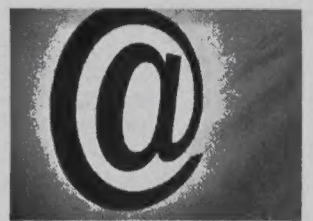
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Auctions A120

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The TCCBE is currently seeking new members for its Board of Directors. The Board strives to maintain a broad geographic and sectoral representation of Peterborough and Haliburton Counties. Meetings are held monthly to make policy governance decisions and provide strategic guidance and support to this newly incorporated organization and its staff.

Individuals interested in volunteering with this dynamic and interesting organization, particularly those with a financial management, academic, community development or human resources background are invited to send a letter of introduction and resume by 4 p.m. August 22, 2006 to 'Chair, TCCBE Board of Directors.' In your letter of introduction, please tell us a bit about you, your skills and expertise in relation to the work that the TCCBE does.

For more information please contact Todd Barr, TCCBE Executive Director,
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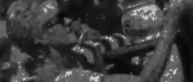


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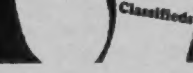
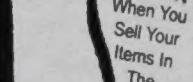
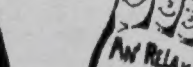
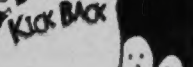
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Auditions for the Hit Musical "Annie!"

We are looking for Haliburton area youth who are interested in singing, acting and dancing. This youth production will be performed in January 2007 with rehearsals beginning in September 2006. Auditions are open to any child between the ages of 5 - 18 years. We are also looking for volunteers interested in costume design, set construction and stage crews. This project is a collaboration between HDA choreographers and theatre professionals including Kathryn Boyd from the Miracle worker!

Auditions are being held on

Thursday August 24th at HDA located at 19 George St. Haliburton

(across from the United Church)

5 - 7 years 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

8 - 10 years 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

11+ year 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All performers will be asked to read a short poem or monologue as well as sing

and dance in a group. There will be a \$10.00 audition fee.

Please call 705-457-1561 to register or email at haliburtondance@interhop.net

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Fall Registration

Thursday August 24th - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(or drop off from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. during the Annie auditions)

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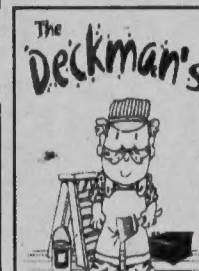
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GILMORE, Beryl Mae (nee Peacock)

Passed away with grace and dignity after a courageous struggle with cancer at the Palliative Care Unit at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of Norman William Gilmore, dear mother of Cynthia Gilmore and Glen (predeceased in 1987). Dear sister of Barbara Craig. Daughter of the late Gordon and Maude Peacock. It was Beryl's wishes that cremation is to take place immediately and at her request that there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations to the Kinmount and District Health Centre or to the Kinmount United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)



Deaths

STRANG, Max Kenneth, MBE, BASc.

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) - At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday August 4, 2006 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Betty Rix. Loving father of Robert (Maria) of Toronto, Jim (Jan) & Lynda of Niagara On The Lake. Fondly remembered by his five grandchildren Laura, Peter, Jeff, Leslie and his great grandchildren Chloe, Cole, Lucas, Nicole, Alexandra, Joey and Jimmy. Predeceased by his grandson Bob. Max was born in South River, Ontario on February 28, 1914. Educated in schools in Blyth, Harriston, and the University of Toronto where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded an MBE and mentioned in Despatches for his work in RCME in the Canadian Army during World War II. In his business career he was known as an expert in Commercial Lighting with Curtis Lighting. A private graveside service will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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Deaths

CURRY, Betty

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) - At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, August 6, 2006 in her 77th year. Beloved wife and best friend of 58 years of Donald Curry. Loving mother of Clifford (Martine) of Sudbury and Catherine (Mrs. Peter Osgood) of Burlington. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Matthew, Jennifer and Jes. Dear sister of Thomas Hamilton. Also remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton on Wednesday morning, August 9, 2006 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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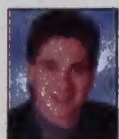


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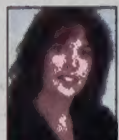


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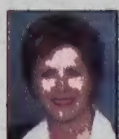


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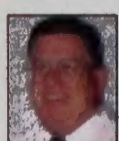


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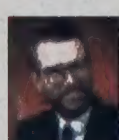


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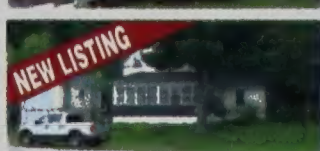


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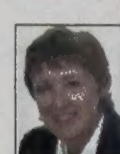


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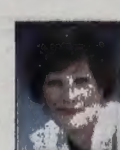


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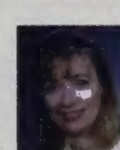
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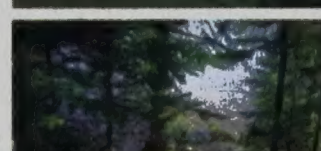
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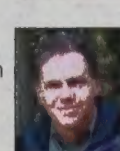


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